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STORAGE OF THE TRAY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Response to Restriction Requirement is submitted in complete response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2001, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.112.

**REMARKS**

**Election of Species Requirement**

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that the Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I      Figures 1-3.

Species II     Figures 4 and 5.

The Examiner required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are generic.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect Species I, without traverse.